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FOR EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH CINCPAC VISIT

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ADMIRAL GAYLER WILL VISIT PHNOM PENH FOR MOST OF THE DAY ON MARCH 29. HIS PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES ARE A DISCUSSION OF EAGLE PULL EVACUATION PLANNING WITH THE COUNTRY TEAM AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF EMBASSY BANGKOK, AND A REVIEW OF THE LATEST MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS HERE. IN THE PAST, RANKING VIP VISITORS HAVE OFTEN CALLED ON THE MARSHAL, ALTHOUGH THIS HAS BY NO MEANS BEEN AN INVARIABLE RULE. SOMETIMES SUCH VISITS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO CALLS UPON THOSE KHMER OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERED WORKING COUNTERPARTS OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR.

2. I AM IN SOMETHING OF A QUANDARY AS TO WHETHER, IN VIEW OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT THE MARSHAL IS FIRMLY RESISTING THE PRESSURE FROM RANKING KHMER MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS THAT HE LEAVE THE COUNTRY, A CALL BY ADMIRAL GAYLER ON THE MARSHAL MIGHT NOT BE EXPLOITED BY THE LATTER AS AN INDICATION OF USG SUPPORT FOR HIS EFFORTS TO HANG ON HERE. A RELATED PROBLEM IS THAT IF SUCH A CALL WERE TO BE MADE, ADMIRAL GAYLER WOULD HAVE TO EXPRESS SOME FAIRLY HARSH CRITICISM OF THE MARSHAL'S RECENT ACTIVITIES, LEST HIS SILENCE BE MISINTERPRETED AS ACQUIESCENCE. THESE WOULD INCLUDE

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RELATIVE FAILURE OF FANK FORCES TO ACCOMPLISH OB-

JECTIVES IN THE TUOL LEAP ARTILLERY/ROCKET BELT
DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS BY ME AND PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF
THIS MISSION TO STIMULATE EFFECTIVE MILITARY ACTION
THERE. THE MARSHAL HAS CONTRIBUTED TO FANK INEFFECTIVE-
NESS ON THIS AND OTHER MILITARY FRONTS BY PARALYZING
THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY LEADERSHIP OVER A PERIOD OF
SEVERAL DAYS NOW BY INSISTING THAT THEY PARTICIPATE
IN THE STERILE DEBATE AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD OR
SHOULD NOT REMAIN IN PHNOM PENH. HE HAS GONE FARTHER
THAN THAT BY OUTRIGHT PERSONAL INTERFERENCE IN MILITARY
OPERATIONS, AS IN THE CASE OF HIS ORDERING THE REMOVAL
OF KEY UNITS JUST PRIOR TO THE LAUNCHING OF THE
OPERATION PLANNED AFTER FANK HAD RECAPTURED TUOL LEAP.

3. IN ORDER THAT WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE NEUTRAL
STANCE ENJOINED UPON US IN THIS PROLONGED DEBATE OVER
THE MARSHAL'S PERSONAL FUTURE, I RECOMMEND THAT
ADMIRAL GAYLER NOT CALL ON THE MARSHAL DURING HIS
MARCH 29 VISIT, BUT THAT HE RESTRICT HIS DISCUSSIONS
WITH KHMERS TO THE HEADS OF THE THREE MILITARY SERVICES,
INCLUDING THE NEW CHIEF OF STAFF OF FANK, LTG SAK
SUTSAKHAN. I WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE FROM THE
DEPARTMENT ON THIS RECOMMENDATION BY RETURN IMMEDIATE
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